

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, lines 16, and ending on page 12, line 2, of the originally filed application, and paragraph [0063] of the published application, with the following amended paragraph.

In step S107, an area discrimination process is executed by the area discriminating section 173. Specifically, the area discriminating section 173 discriminates a character image area 18 containing a character image, and a photographic image area 20 containing a photographic image (including graphics patterns). Since the area discriminating method is well-known art, details are abbreviated. Further, the area discriminating section 173 extracts a character image area 18 to generate image data 22 (refer to FIG. 6), and extracts photographic image area 20 to generate photographic image data 24 (refer to FIG. 7)